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25 Sheridan Road
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

25 May 1967

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Based on the above, two possible locations have been suggested. The first site, which would be the gravel parking area next to the small building on the right side of the aqueduct which runs parallel to Wellesley Street, is the most desirable. A second choice would be the area directly behind the Town Hall.

Wellesley Board of Selectmen
525 Washington Street
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

Once a year, the American Radio Relay League sponsors a nationwide exercise to train amateur radio operators to provide communications in emergency situations in which commercial power is unavailable. This training has allowed radio amateurs to provide outstanding service to the public in the aftermath of such events as the Alaskan earthquake and last summer's hurricanes and tornadoes. In Wellesley itself, the Civil Defense Communications Net was manned by radio amateurs and ready to operate on auxiliary power within a few minutes of the start of the East Coast power blackout in 1965.

In order to encourage participation by as many towns in the United States and Canada as possible, the exercise has been made into a contest with points awarded for each radio contact made and the total point score for each team is published by region in a national magazine. Although groups from Newton, Needham, Framingham, and other local communities have participated on a regular basis, it has been a number of years since any group from Wellesley has entered the competition. The Wellesley Amateur Radio Society feels that with the assistance of the Wellesley Civil Defense Coordinator, Mr. George deCoen, it is in a position to participate this year, and if the enthusiasm shown so far is any indication, we should be able to outscore the competition in this part of Massachusetts.

President
Wellesley Amateur Radio Society

The competition this year runs from noon Saturday, the 24th of June to noon of the next day. Mr. deCoen has arranged for us to be provided with a small gasoline powered generator so that we can meet the requirements of operating in a field location without any commercial electrical power. The selection of a site from which to operate has been governed by three factors, which are:

1. Since we are a Wellesley group, we want to operate within the town limits at a location reasonably accessible by car due to the weight of the generator and the radio transmitters.

2. The location should not be close to any residential buildings since the noise of the generator, although not loud, might annoy people during the evening.

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3. Due to radio propagation characteristics, the higher the location, the better.

Based on the above, two possible locations have been selected. The best site, we feel, would be the gravel parking area next to the small storage building on top of the aqueduct which runs parallel to Wellesley Avenue, just east of the Wellesley Country Club. A second choice would be the area directly behind the Town Hall.

We plan to run four small transmitters simultaneously and therefore, the number of people involved would include four operators, four record keepers, one supervisor and one person responsible for equipment repairs and safety. This comes to a total of ten people during the day with possibly only five during the early morning.

This letter is a request for your endorsement of the effort and your permission to use the site on Wellesley Avenue, both on the date stated above and for a few hours on the preceding Saturday, 17 June, for a practice set up and dismantling of the equipment. The only physical change to the location would be the insertion of a metal rod a few feet into the earth for electrical grounding purposes. We would remove this rod when we left.

Hoping for a favorable review of this petition, I remain
Very truly yours,
Marshall H. Cannell
President
Wellesley Amateur Radio Society

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cc: Wellesley Civil Defense Office
(Attn: Mr. George deGoen)

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